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1. Among the German technicians deported to Russia from the Siebel aircraft works at Halle in the latter part of 1946 were the following: Rössing, a construction engineer; Fischer, a fuselage specialist; Schmidt, a supervising engineer. The Siebel test pilot Witsch was killed while flying a jet aircraft, probably a DFS 346, which had been built at Halle.
2. Test flights began soon after the arrival of the party at the shores of a dry lake near Moscow. The so-called "Salzsee" (salt lake) was used as an airfield. Its approximate location is ninety kilometers northwest of Moscow. Comment: A point ninety kilometers northwest of Moscow would place the airfield in the vicinity of the Moscow Reservoir.)
3. Professor von Ardenne, the German rocket specialist currently working in Russia, has written to Germany, requesting that a number of different perfumes, acetates, and aromatic essences be sent to him. Comment: Perfume oils are often used as tracers in chemical research processes.)

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